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Dear JCOIN Research Team:

As associations that represent jails, counties, and law enforcement nationwide, we write in support of the Justice Community Overdose Innovation Network (JCOIN) **2026 National Survey of Substance Use Services in Jails** led by the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA) and NORC at the University of Chicago. Our members operate and oversee a full range of different sized jails nationwide, giving us a direct understanding of the urgent need for accurate, up-to-date data on substance use disorder (SUD) treatment in these facilities.

The JCOIN survey follows up from the survey fielded in 2022-2023 to gather important information about the availability and challenges of treating SUD in jails and how it has changed. We understand that a random sample of jails nationwide has been selected to participate. This survey will provide national and regional insights that can inform allocation of resources and future policy decisions regarding SUD treatment within correctional environments. We appreciate that jails' responses will remain confidential – data will only be reported in the aggregate.

We know that jails face the consequences of the overdose crisis daily, with medical, administrative, and workforce challenges. This confidential, national survey of how jails are responding to addiction and the overdose crisis is a critical initiative. The information gathered from the survey will help identify challenges and opportunities to improve care for individuals in jail with a SUD, leading to better data, stronger decision-making, and improved outcomes for the individuals and communities we serve.

We appreciate the opportunity to partner with JCOIN and NIDA on this important research project. Our organizations stand ready to help promote participation among our members and encourage them to contribute to this important effort. Please feel free to contact us with any questions or for further collaboration.

Sincerely,

American Jail Association

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